

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/052,034

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment dated 09/04/2007 and the interview on 09/28/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-5,10-22,25 and 26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alicia Griffin Mills (reg. no. 46,933) on September 28, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 1, line 1, the term "Apparatus" was deleted and replaced with --apparatus-- to correct an obvious typographical error.

In claim 4, line 3, the term "slidable" was deleted to insure consistent terminology is used throughout the claims.

In claim 10, line 1, the phrase "at least one of the vertical guides" was deleted and replaced with --the at least one vertical guide--.

In claim 11, line 4, the term "rod" was deleted and replaced with --guide-- since no "rod" was previously recited.

In claim 12, line 3, the term "rod" was deleted and replaced with --guide-- since no "rod" was previously recited.

In claim 17, line 1, the term "inc" was deleted and replaced with --in-- and the phrase "at least one of the at least one" was deleted and replaced with the phrase --the at least one--.

In claim 17, line 2, the term "guides" was deleted and replaced with --guide--.

Claim 24 has been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention, non-elected without traverse in the response dated September 4, 2007.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

In Figure 4, reference numeral 56 and its associated lead line will be deleted and reference numeral 54 and an associated lead line will be added to designate the "driven element 54" described in the last paragraph on page 10 of the specification. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Leslie J. Evanisko** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2161**. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 8:00 am-6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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